Outline of the Acts of Thekla

The *Acts of Thekla* is an influential entry into the Christian “acts of the Apostles” genre of literature. The original *Acts of the Apostles*, found in the Christian Bible listed after the four gospels, was written in the style of a Greco-Roman adventure novel. Later Christians wrote fantastical accounts of the apostles as they were sent to different parts of the world by Jesus.

ARC 1 - A HOUSESOLD NO.	ARC 2 - SPEAKING NO TO POWER	ACT 3 - FULL HUMANIZATION
1. Conversion by Paul to ascetic Christianity 1. Thekla starts with a “feminine” passivity 2. Conversion as the Greco-Roman swoon 2. Refusal of Greco-Roman household codes / Roman patriarchal norms 1. Refusal to marry betrothed 2. Sequestration by mother and fiancé in her room 3. Arrest and Trial 1. Mother sends her to the city magistrate to be executed for refusing to marry. 2. Thekla is sentenced to be burned at the stake 4. Execution as expressed attack on Femininity; saved by women and then God 1. Women throwing flowers 2. God sending rain 5. Reunion and contrast with Paul 1. Greater agency to follow (but still a follower of) Paul.	1. A follower of Paul 1. Greater agency, but still a follower of Paul 2. Refusal of patriarchal norms. 1. Harassed by prince 2. Refusal and humiliation of prince 3. Arrest and Trial 1. Condemned to death 2. Conversion of the queen, the mother of the prince 4. Execution; saved by women and God 1. Round 1: Saved from a bear by the queen’s She-Lion 2. Round 2: Saved by God’s lightning from ravenous seals 5. Baptism of Thekla 1. Self-baptism	1. Second execution; saved by God 1. sentenced to be quartered by bulls 2. coals and the ropes 2. Reunion and contrast with Paul 1. Adopts his look 2. Choose her own ministry territory 3. Conversion of mother 3. Divine deliverance and death 1. last attack on her femininity # RELIGIOUSY FOMO - Turkish Ending - Roman Ending